

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

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The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

All amendments are merely corrections of inadvertent errors.

Support for amendment (1) is found at page 27, line 23 to page 28, line 4. The molecular weight of the block copolymer used in the present invention is generally 1,000,000 or less.

Support for amendment (2) is found at page 9, line 24 and in Fig 3.

Support for amendment (3) is found at page 87, lines 10 to 25. In Example 11, three polymerization reactions are sequentially performed to obtain a block copolymer having an S-(B/I)-S configuration. In each of the first and third polymerization reactions, a styrene monomer is used in an amount of 0.625 kg. In the second polymerization reaction, a mixture of 1,3-butadiene and isoprene is described to be used in an amount of 3.75 g. However, taking into consideration the balance of the amounts of the monomers used in the first, second and third polymerization reactions, it is natural that the amount of the mixture used in the second polymerization reaction should be 3.75 kg, not 3.75 g.

The above amendments to the specification do not introduce any new matter to the application as originally filed.

The amendments to the claims is merely to remove the undesired multiple dependencies and places the application into better form prior to examination.

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